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FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO
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TAGS: TGEN, EAIR, CE
SUBJECT: CAB CLEARANCE FOR MAHOUT

REF: STATE 311365

1. ELEPHANT IS STILL BABY ON INFANT MILK FOOD DIET AND
MAHOUT REQUIRED TO ACCOMPANY ON TRIP TO US. GSL DIRECTED
KLM TO CARRY MAHOUT FROM COLOMBO TO NEW YORK. KLM
COLOMBO WILL APPLY FOR CAB PERMIT BY URGENT TELEX THROUGH
KLM NEW YORK EVEN THOUGH THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE
ENOUGH TIME TO RECEIVE APPROVAL BEFORE DEPARTURE.

2. ELEPHANT AND MAHOUT SCHEDULED TO DEPART COLOMBO AT
2130 HOURS (1100 HOURS WASHINGTON TIME) DECEMBER 28.
NEXT KLM FLIGHT NOT UNTIL JANUARY 4, AND THERE ARE NO
PROPER FACILITIES TO CARE FOR ELEPHANT FOR WEEK IN
COLOMBO (ELEPHANT IN CARE OF WILD LIFE CONSERVATION
DEPARTMENT WHICH APPARENTLY NOT ON GOOD TERMS WITH LOCAL
ZOO). KLM COLOMBO INFORMS EMBASSY THAT FREE TICKET FOR
MAHOUT FROM COLOMBO TO AMSTERDAM NO PROBLEM; BUT WITHOUT
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NOTIFICATION OF CAB APPROVAL FROM NEW YORK, GSL WILL HAVE
TO PAY FOR AMSTERDAM-NEW YORK LEG. AS GSL ANXIOUS TO
SEND ELEPHANT ON SCHEDULE AND THERE IS NOW INSUFFICIENT
TIME TO OBTAIN CAB APPROVAL, GSL HAS AGREED TO PAY FOR
SECOND PORTION OF MAHOUT'S TRIP.

3.ELEPHANT ARRIVED IN COLOMBO FROM UP COUNTRY MORNING
OF DECEMBER 28 AND IN CEREMONY AT TOURIST BOARD WAS
PRESENTED TO USG (REPRESENTED BY DCM) BY
LAKSHMAN JAYAKODY, DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND
FOREIGN AFFAIRS. OFFICIAL HANDING OVER CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE
IN WASHINGTON.

4. ELEPHANT AND MAHOUT SHOULD ARRIVE NEW YORK AT 1530
HOURS DECEMBER 29 ON KL 641.
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